

area. (55,396 Union; 16,800 Confederate).

There were 203 cannons here, but only 90 participated in the fighting.

There were at least 21 states represented in the Battle of Perryville: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, North Carolina, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

General Philip Sheridan became a very famous general later in the war. General Douglas MacArthur's father, Lieutenant Arthur MacArthur, served in the 24th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment at the Battle of Perryville. Perryville was the "high water mark" for the Confederates in the Western Theater. Never again were the Western Confederates closer to winning the war. The battle kept Kentucky in Union hands for the remainder of the war, which helped contribute to the Northern victory.

1,431 soldiers were killed (890 Union; 532 Confederate), 5,618 were wounded (2,966 Union; 2,652 Confederate), and 669 were missing or captured (433 Union; 236 Confederate). These figures represent 7,718 total casualties (4,298 Union; 3,420 Confederate).

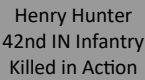
The Perryville Battlefield interpretive trail system connects key points of the battle. This system has no “Trail Heads” or “Destinations”. The trails consist predominately of mowed paths through grassy fields, although some of them traverse wooded areas. The trails that go north to south generally follow the lines of Union defense whereas the trails that go east to west generally follow the lines of Confederate attack. Supplemental to the interpretive trails are “Nature Trails.” Please inquire with staff for more information on the park’s natural features.

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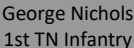
Park is open from daylight to dark.
Museum April 1-October 31
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday
11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday
Call for availability during off season.

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Today we passed two men lying on the roadside having died from sunstroke - the whole army suffered today severely for want of water." I sent my servant Harrison out with my canteen and told him not to return without water. He came in about 2 o'clock without any; our Division was in the rear, and all the pools of water had already been drunk up."



Such obstinate fighting I never had seen before or since. The guns were discharged so rapidly that it seemed the earth itself was in a volcanic uproar. The iron storm passed through our ranks, mangling and tearing men to pieces... Our men were dead and dying right in the very midst of this grand havoc of battle."

— Sam Watkins, 1st Tennessee Infantry, Co. H

Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site Interpretive Trail



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